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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS ISLAMABAD

1. MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMED RITHAUDDEEN DEPARTED ISLAMABAD ON MAY 5 AFTER WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A "VERY SUCCESSFUL" THREE-DAY VISIT. PRIMARILY A GOOD
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WILL TRIP, RITHAUDDEEN'S TALKS WITH HIS COUNTERPART, FOREIGN ADVISER AGHA SHAHI, WERE DEVOTED TO THE SUBJECT OF INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AND TO AN EXCHANGE OF VOWS OF SUPPORT FOR ASEAN'S CONCEPT OF A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND FOR PAKISTAN'S PARALLEL PROPOSALS FOR A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND A NUCLEAR WEAPONS-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA.

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2. RITHAUDDEEN ALSO SIGNED A CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
AND EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR

(CMLA) GEN. ZIA UL-HAQ AND AGHA SHAHI TO VISIT
KUALA LUMPUR. BOTH WERE RITUALLY ACCEPTED, BUT NO DATES
WERE ANNOUNCED. A MININSTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL
TOLD EMBOFF THAT A ZIA VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR IS UNLIKELY
ANY TIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. MALAYSIAN EMBOFF SAID THAT THE ONLY MEETING OF REAL SUBSTANTIVE
VALUE WAS AN ACCIDENTAL ONE BETWEEN RITHAUDDEEN AND PAK
(CABINET LEVEL) ADVISER ON SHIPPING MUSTAFA GHOKAL. THE
TWO MET ON PLANE CARRYING RITHAUDDEEN FROM KUALA LUMPUR
TO KARACHI. GHOKAL, WHOM THE MALAYSIAN EMBOFF REFERRED TO AS THE
"ONASSIS OF PAKISTAN," DISCUSSED DIFFICULTIES OF INCREASING
TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES BECAUSE MOST SHIPPING GOES TO
SINGAPORE. THE TWO MET AGAIN WHEN GHOKAL, APPARENTLY AT
HIS OWN INITIATIVE, WENT TO KARACHI AIRPORT TO SEE
RITHAUDDEEN OFF ON HIS WAY BACK TO MALAYSIA.
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